

David Warfield, playing with Weber & Fields, was shocked to learn that his daughter "Uneda" planned to marry a hero.

"A hero," said Warfield most earnestly. "That's not a business."

You might say the same of motherhood, after reading about the able young Nellie Bly and her most recent effort to make life less painful for women. Having been cheated out of a fortune of several millions, Nellie Bly knows that women need friends, so she interested herself in mothers and young girls and their worries.

A man abandoned a baby, leaving this message: "For the love of Mike give the kid to Nellie Bly." Nellie Bly at once agreed to adopt it. Then came keen detectives discovering that it was the stolen "Wentz baby," which it was not.

It turned out to be young Mr. Enrico Lisa, ten months old. The mother, a widow, was trying to support herself, her baby and two other children, aged three and five, on twelve dollars a week, the rent to come out of the twelve dollars. Can you imagine that, in New York City?

When she told her story even court reporters shed tears, which ordinarily you could not make them do with anything less effective than a red-hot iron. An important Government bureau has announced that a family of five cannot live decently for less than about \$2,200 a year; \$12 a week is about \$600 a year, assuming that the young widow could get steady work, her trade, making artificial flowers.

Two thousand two hundred dollars a year for five would be about \$440 each, or \$1,760 for Mrs. Lisa and her three children. Civilization, apparently, has been owing Mrs. Lisa about \$1,160 a year, as it owes millions of other women. Nellie Bly will endeavor to get for her protegee at least part of what is due her, in the shape of a better job.

Truly, being a mother "is not a business." Usually the mother raises sons not with the trouble, and when, in spite of a second-class father, the son amounts to something, the world erects a monument to him, history puts in one line, "this mother was a Miss so and so." That is all for her.

The trade balance of the United States for the last complete fiscal year stands at almost four billion. We sent out, in goods, food, clothing, and other things worth more than four billion dollars.

The Secretary of Commerce says this wonderful record has never been approached in the history of the world. Very gratifying to national commercial pride, but just how it affects the average citizen is uncertain.

Some of the stuff shipped abroad could have been made useful in this country, including thousands of tons of sugar and other things that American families wanted and could not get. It is possible to overdo shipping out all the good things, even for cash in return.

The most prosperous farm is not the farm that sells all the fresh eggs, cream, butter and chickens, letting the farm dwellers live on salt pork and canned goods. A farm is prosperous when those that live on it have all they need, with something over to sell. The trade balance of four billions would not be so gratifying if you did not read of thousands of children in big cities suffering from malnutrition, which is polite language for lack of food.

Prosperity should remember that revolution broke out in France and made important changes after the balance of trade turned around in favor of France. There would be any revolution here. The country is rich. It has the vote and the public schools to enlighten the voters. But sending out four billions more than you bring in is not necessarily good news. Feed your nation's children first.

The Packers' Trust is "curbed, muzzled, brought to heel," etc. An official announcement, proudly violating the initiative in every paragraph, tells how the packers have agreed "to forever disassociate themselves" from trust wickedness of all kinds. It reads nicely, and the result will be higher prices for meat, as you will presently discover. You remember that you could buy gasoline for 10 or 12 cents a gallon before the wicked Oil Trust was "broken up" by the same power that now breaks up the meat trust. What do you pay for gasoline now?

The packers must not sell meat at retail any more. That will suit the retailers, who will have you where they want you. The packers must not handle groceries or do other things to interfere with the jobbers' special "take-off." That shuts the jobber out. It will cost you money. The packers must use their gigantic meat trucks to deliver meat only. That will make their overhead cost heavier, and you will pay for it in your meat bill. But the meat trust, like its wicked brother, the oil trust, and you will surely find comfort in it.

A way will be found some day to give the people economical service in the only possible way, by highly perfected organizations

WEATHER:

Fair tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature. Lowest temperature tonight, 20 degrees. Temperature at 8 a. m., 21 degrees.

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# U. S. TELLS MEXICO OUTRAGES MUST STOP

## MINE OWNERS TO BE IGNORED

Coal Commission Will Meet "Right Away," Despite Operators' Protests.

OWNERS HOLD CONFERENCE

Officials Here View Threatened Bolt as "Effort to Prejudice" Board's Actions.

The coal commission, appointed by President Wilson to adjust the coal controversy, will meet "right away," despite the protests of the operators. This was learned at the White House today. The exact time has not been set for the first meeting.

Officials here today interpreted the action of the operators as an "attempt to prejudice" the action of the commission. They declared that it appeared as though the operators wished a definite assurance of what the commission would do.

Owners in Conference. The final action of the commission will have the stamp of Government approval and the President is placing implicit confidence in the body, it was learned at the White House.

The operators went into conference here today to further discuss the action they will take with regard to the President's proposition for settlement. Before the conference individual operators indicated that they would refuse to accept the proposition insofar as it exceeds the Garfield proposition.

The President's letter appointing the commission has not met with the approval of some of the miners inasmuch as it lays down a demand for unanimous action by the commission, it was learned today.

Not Consulted, They Say. A statement has been issued by the operators indorsing Dr. Garfield's settlement plan, but there is very serious objection to the plan put forth by the President because it proposes to give to the commission of three arbitrary power to fix wages and prices and differentials. The operators declare they have never been consulted on this proposition, and that they are not bound to accept it.

While there has been a great undecurrent of resentment against the President's plan from the operators ever since it was announced in Indianapolis, the open signs of a break did not come until after the announcement of the appointment of the commission from the White House.

Attorney General Palmer and other Administration officials are today (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

## BRIDE, MARRIED IN BED, DIES 3 HOURS LATER

Stricken While Dressing for Wedding—To Be Buried in Gown Designed for Ceremony.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 22.—Stricken while dressing for her wedding Saturday, Miss Estelle English, a society girl of Wilkinsburg, had the ceremony performed while she lay in bed, and three hours later was dead. The minister who officiated will conduct the funeral tomorrow.

The wife of three hours will be buried in the gown in which she was to have been married.

## TODAY

on the widest scale, permitting gigantic organizations to do as much as possible and compelling them to be honest instead of limiting their activities. But that is too much for modern statesmanship.

It sounds grand to announce that a great trust has been smashed. What would you say if the post-ers were forbidden to carry letters and parcels, run a savings bank and do other work? Would you want to pay for separate buildings and separate officials to take care of the different departments? When Armour, Swift and Rockefeller met after this "terrible blow at the trusts," how they will laugh when the door is shut. They really know something about business. It is too bad they could not be hired to use their influence for the people. Rockefeller, for instance, if he owned the whole nation instead of a few billions, could give the United States a self-supporting navy far more powerful than the navy we have now.

## PRESIDENT CAN EAT TURKEY ON XMAS

President Wilson can have turkey for Christmas dinner and almost any trimmings he desires, Dr. Grayson said today. The President wasn't permitted turkey on Thanksgiving.

Dr. Grayson said today that he would be "looking the other way" as regards his patient's Christmas festivities. Though President Wilson will dine in his room, his repast will not be a solitary one. One, or perhaps two, guests will share it.

As has been the custom for years, choice specimens of the holiday bird will be distributed to policemen on duty at the Executive Mansion and Mrs. Wilson will send turkeys to several humble homes.

## WAN TRIAL MAY GO OVER UNTIL MONDAY

Injury to Juror, Who Fell on Ice, Delays Chinese Mission Slayings Case.

Trial of Xiang Sung, Wan, Chinese student, before Justice Gould and a jury in Criminal Division No. 1, District Supreme Court, for killing Sen Wu, one of the three members of the Chinese Educational Mission slain last January, probably will be halted until next Monday because a member of the jury yesterday fell on the ice and injured his back.

Failure of the juror to appear in court this morning caused Justice Gould to adjourn the trial until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Justice Gould announced that should the juror be unable to appear tomorrow he would adjourn the case until Monday.

The juror, M. H. Bradshaw, who is connected with the Washington Railway and Electric Company, sent word to Justice Gould this morning that he was unable to attend court today.

Resides With Another Juror. It developed in connection with the report of accident to Mr. Bradshaw that another member of the Wan jury lives at the same address as the injured juror. He is Alpheus Davidson, also an employee of the W. R. & E. Company. Both of the jurors reside at 5911 Georgia avenue northwest. It was through Davidson that Justice Gould learned of the injury to Bradshaw. It was said in the courthouse this morning that it is rare for two jurors on a murder panel to reside at the same address.

Dr. Fred H. Morhart, 1324 Ninth street northwest, who was called to attend Mr. Bradshaw, sent word to Justice Gould that the juror had wrenched his back badly in the fall on the ice, and that he probably would not be able to resume his duties as juror for several days. The prosecution had hoped with the calling today of Major Raymond W. Pullman and Detective (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

## Keeping Up With The Times

A FACT A DAY

Some of The Times' advertising men were discussing a recent campaign in The Times of a Washington merchant whose store is located in the residential northwest section, a full two miles from the downtown center.

One was skeptical whether enough trade could be drawn that distance to justify the advertising investment and he said so to The Times man who has that the answer, "not only were the results distinctly profitable, both in direct revenue and in new customers, but some purchasers came from as far away as Alexandria."

Just another illustration of the business-building power of good advertising.

## REDS CARRY OFF \$250,000

Deported Anarchists Sail Away With New Suits and Plenty of Spending Money.

A SOVIET IS ORGANIZED

Cummuene Is Formed Just Before Ship Leaves—Smiles and Tears Mingle.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Somewhere at sea, the army transport Buford, informally christened the "anarchist ark," was steaming across the Atlantic today with 249 alien "reds" aboard. Her destination was not revealed when she left port yesterday, but it was known the human cargo eventually was to be landed in soviet Russia.

Under Secret Orders. The Buford, with picked officers and crew, sailed under secret orders. These were in possession of Col. Charles Hilton, representing the War Department, who was to present them to the captain today.

Chief among the deportees were Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman, anarchist leaders. In the last hours before the party boarded a boat at Ellis Island for transfer to the Buford they organized the first "red" openly avowed in the United States. They offered to go anywhere, especially the women, obviously had little liking for the prospect. Some of these were:

Carry Off \$250,000. According to immigration authorities, the deportees carried cash amounting to nearly \$250,000. Before the Buford sailed, those who were not fully supplied with clothing received new outfits.

The "anarchist ark," according to intimations by Federal authorities, is intended to carry several ships, which will carry undesirable aliens to Russia. Other groups, rounded up in various parts of the country, were reported to be en route to New York to await deportation.

## HOLLAND REFUSES TO SEND KAISER TO TRIAL

Dutch Notify Allies They Will Not Consent to ex-Ruler's Extradition.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22.—The Dutch government several weeks ago officially notified the allies it will not consent to the extradition of the former kaiser to stand trial for war crimes. The Soir said today it had learned authoritatively.

Holland advanced several reasons for its stand, according to the newspaper, including the "right of asylum."

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The ex-kaiser will be tried separately from the other German officials accused of war guilt, it was learned today. When a court of Russo-British conferees on the subject were opened here, France was represented by Berthelot Ignace, under secretary of state for military justice, and England by Sir Gordon Howart, the attorney general.

Plans of procedure are being mapped out.

## COOLIDGE ASKS CITIZENS TO BAND AGAINST REDS

Calls Upon Massachusetts People to Form Hugs Vigilance Body to Aid Public Officials.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Governor Coolidge today called upon all the people of Massachusetts to organize themselves into a vigilance committee for the suppression of "red" propaganda and for the punishment of agitators.

The governor said he was informed that soviet agents are being formed in the State with the object of securing a change of government by force. Against this great danger, he said, the people must ally themselves with the police and public officials. He urged punishment first and deportation afterward.

## 2,500 to Be Made Happy By Good Fellows On Christmas Day

Eight Hundred Good Fellows Are Mobilized to Spread Cheer and Rout Misery in Homes of the Poor—Lots of Good Things Ready for Children.

The Good Fellows went over the top today. More than 2,500 of Washington's less fortunate will be happy Christmas Day. Of these more than 2,000 are children—children from whom misery had not starved from them the child's instinctive faith in Santa Claus. And Santa Claus is coming to them Christmas.

Eight hundred Good Fellows are mobilized, ready to present a solid phalanx in the combat against misery. That completes mobilization. It far exceeds the expectation of the number of Washington men and women who it was believed would be interested in direct giving when The Times began the movement.

List Is Exhausted. The Good Fellow Department will remain open until the night of Christmas eve for the purpose of picking up the odds and ends of the business. If the list of names is exhausted, the department will be closed. The list of names is being furnished by clergymen, school teachers, visiting nurses, social workers and all other sources has been exhausted.

From every section of Washington Good Fellows today came to line up in the clan of joy-dispersers. They came from every class, race, creed. They swamped the Good Fellow Department. They offered to go anywhere where in Washington there was a chance that Santa Claus might miss. They asked that they be told of places where old couples might be lonely on the Christmas morn.

Include Many Girls. They included a half hundred girls from the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company, who asked for every family in northeast and southeast Washington who had not already been assigned.

They included one successful man, who has known a great sorrow. He lost his own family on the Lusitania and he is spending his life making others happy.

On the girl is going to be happy not at this Christmas but all the time. He is going to take her permanently under his care. That is (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

## Fourteen Christmas Opportunities

The Fourteen Opportunities are closed.

Edward B. McLean, editor-president of the Washington Post, has sent a check for \$7,000, with the statement that if that amount is not sufficient to close them he will send the amount needed. Mr. McLean's check left the opportunity only \$600 short, and it is believed that the money received today will more than make up that amount, and Mr. McLean will not be called upon to contribute more money.

In a letter to Col. Archibald Hopkins, chairman of the board of managers of the Associated Charities, Mr. McLean said:

"I learn from the announcements in the newspapers that the fund for the 'Fourteen Christmas Opportunities' of the Associated Charities still lacks the necessary amount. These opportunities appeal to me strongly, for the reason that they have all been investigated by the Associated Charities and are recognized by your organization as especially worthy and urgent."

"It therefore gives me great pleasure to inclose my check to your order for \$7,000 to complete the above-mentioned fund, and if this sum is not sufficient kindly advise me. I will add to the deficiency."

"Very truly yours,"

"EDWARD B. McLEAN."

The following contributions are acknowledged by the Associated Charities:

OPPORTUNITY NO. 1.

The fatherless blind, bravely re-educated himself a father and mother and two children. \$500 needed for the year. Previously acknowledged, \$118. A friend, anonymous. \$1. W. A. J. \$5. E. G. \$2. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. S. \$5. M. E. J. \$3. (Continued on Page 3, Column 5.)

## TRAIL IS WARM IN LEAK PROBE

Clean-Up of Men Implicated in Supreme Court Tips Due Within Few Days.

SPECULATORS IN PANIC

Wall Street Trading on Advance Information Admitted by Some.

The gang of Washington and New York speculators involved in the alleged "leak" in the Supreme Court decision case today are in a state of panic while Secret Service agents are putting the finishing touches on the chain of evidence connecting them with the affair.

Confronted by witnesses, who came to Washington from New York, some of those implicated have made a clean breast of their share in trading in Wall Street on information which the principal in the case claimed he had from a minor attaché of the Supreme Court.

Clean-Up Due Soon. Other developments are now pending, and a clean-up of the whole matter is merely a question of days, perhaps even of hours.

The Department of Justice, naturally, refuses to make public the details of the probe, which is still under way, but it is known that officials working on the case see the beginning of the end.

At least one more personality is understood to have been involved in the alleged "leak" through the admissions of others, and, in addition to the Washington lawyer, the Department of Justice lawyer and the minor attaché of the Supreme Court already mentioned as having been questioned by the Federal authorities, still others may be called on to explain their action.

Peers As Rich Gambler. Some of the details of the case would furnish reading as thrilling as the best "thriller" of the day.

One man, to obtain information as to the Wall Street operations of the gang, posed as a gambler with a million dollars' credit. This credit was actually "arranged" for the purpose of the investigation, and the Washington lawyer, who was to use this credit to trade in stocks affected by Supreme Court decisions took the pains to verify this "credit" by a call on the New York broker in person.

To pin the shrapnel down, this time man found it necessary to get them into a room. They talked freely outside, but when certain no one was listening, but shield when they found four walls about them. So the supposed gambler, while living at the New Willard Hotel, pretended to be ill.

A doctor was sent for. The physician prescribed, but the supposedly sick man on strictest diet, and called in a trained nurse to see that his orders were carried out. The gambler "let in" on the scheme. So, propped up in bed, with hot-water bags about him and all the other signs of the sick-room plainly apparent, the speculators came in. What they did not see, however, was the dictagraph under the bed.

"Stalls" for Week. Later, when the expected "wet" and "dry" decision was not handed down as anticipated on December 3, it became necessary to "stall" for a while more, as the speculators insisted on going to New York to play the market on the mere strength of the expected decision. This was not what was wanted by those investigating the case, and some way had to be found to stall the trip. The gambler, therefore, pretended he was drunk. Though he had not touched whiskey in ten years he poured the stuff over his clothes, his hair and the room, threw cigar water bags about him and all the other signs of the sick-room plainly apparent, the speculators came in. What they did not see, however, was the dictagraph under the bed.

During the several weeks the investigation has been under way the speculators have furnished this man a number of forecasts of decisions which the Supreme Court would hand down. Most of them proved absolutely correct.

## BRITISH CABINET TALKS OVER IRISH PROBLEMS

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A cabinet meeting was held this morning to consider the details of the new Irish plan which Premier Lloyd George was to outline to the house of commons this afternoon.

Sir George Hewart, the attorney general, and Ian MacPherson, chief secretary for Ireland, called at the premier's official residence in Downing street during the meeting.

TAKE BELL-ANS BEFORE MEALS and see how the good digestion makes you feel. Adm.

## HOPES FOR XMAS BEER DIE; COURT FAILS TO ACT

The Supreme Court today dispelled all hopes for Christmas beer, when it failed to hand down its decision on cases attacking the right of the Government under wartime prohibition to prohibit the sale of 2.75 beer.

No decision will be announced now until January 5 or after.

The Supreme Court also delayed until January 5 its decision on whether the State of Rhode Island and the New Jersey Retail Liquor Dealers' Association may bring suits testing the validity of the constitutional prohibition amendment and the Volstead law enforcing it.

The Government on January 5 must file briefs showing cause why the New Jersey and Rhode Island suits should not be considered, Chief Justice White stated. This is an unusual procedure.

The action of the court on the Rhode Island and New Jersey cases, it is believed, will expedite rather than delay the decision as to the validity of the constitutional amendment.

By the order compelling the Government to show cause why the suits should not be considered, the court will, in the light of all facts bearing upon the question, be in a position to decide whether there is legal merit in the contentions of the parties seeking to knock out constitutional prohibition.

## WORLD PEACE BY FIRST OF YEAR NOW IN SIGHT

Protocol of Ratification Waits on New Note to Be Given Germans Tomorrow.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Developments moved so rapidly today that the peace treaty may become effective before Christmas.

The supreme council met during the morning and agreed to the text of a reply to the Scape Flow note, which, it is believed, will satisfy Germany. The British delegates concurred with the views of the others as to the contents.

The council will meet again tonight when, it is understood, the note will be drafted. If this is done, it may be handed to the Germans tomorrow, and the protocol of ratification may be signed on Wednesday.

All of the German peace representatives are now here.

QUEBEC, Canada, Dec. 22.—The Canadian steamship Canadian Recruit, which went ashore on the rocks off Yaché Point, in the St. Lawrence river, has been abandoned by the crew, who were taken off in "ice canoes."

## CREW OF WRECKED SHIP SAVED BY "ICE CANOES"

The vessel may prove a total loss.

POLICE BALL TICKET SALES TOTAL \$6,980

Tickets sold by the members of the Police Department for the ball to be given at Wardman Park Hotel on December 28, for the benefit of the Metropolitan Police Relief Fund, today totaled \$6,980.

The Safe Way To treat colds and coughs is to take Father John's Medicine because it contains no alcohol or dangerous drugs.—Adm.

## WARNING SENT TO CARRANZA

Lansing Demands Arrest of Kidnappers of American Ranch Manager.

BANDITS ATTACK TRAINS

Government to Make Representations for Release of Imprisoned Sailors.

The State Department instructed the American embassy at Mexico City today to insist to the Mexican government that "outrages" against American citizens in Mexico be stopped.

At the same time the department ordered the embassy to renew its request that "every possible step be taken" to arrest the bandits who kidnapped Frederick Hugo, manager of a ranch near Musquis, in Coahuila, recently.

Held for Ransom. Hugo was captured by Villistas and was later reported released without ransom. With later reports, however, the department announced today that Hugo was released upon agreement that within twelve days he would pay a ransom of \$15,000. The department also was informed that the Villistas took from American-owned ranches approximately 100,000 pesos (\$2,000), 100 horses and a large supply of food during their recent operations in Coahuila.

"The department has been advised," said an announcement today, "that while there were only 400 of the bandits engaged in the attack on Musquis, the Mexican federal forces, with about 750 men and six machine guns, located within less than forty miles distance, took no steps to relieve Musquis."

"The Mexican federal forces were under command of Generals Rios and Paradi, and, according to the department's information, these forces did not attempt to go into Musquis until after the Villistas evacuated the town."

Five Trains Attacked. At the same time that it announced instructions to make urgent representations to the Mexican government had been sent to the American embassy in Mexico City, the department received information that five trains on the railroad between San Luis Potosi and Tampico had been attacked and crews and passengers molested by bandits during the past five weeks.

A train was blown up near Cardenas, in San Luis Potosi state, on December 17, the department was advised, and 10 passengers and soldiers were killed by a band of seventy-five marauders.

About twenty-two persons were reported to have been killed in a similar incident on that line on December 6.

The department had no information that Americans were involved in these affairs.

Want Gobs Released. Convinced that the Mexican authorities are "juggling" again in the case of Harry V. Leonard and Harry O. Martin, American sailors held in jail on a minor charge since November 12, the State Department is preparing to demand their release.

The report of the indignities to which the jacks have been subjected was transmitted to the State Department by Secretary Daniels. They have been held in a Mexican jail without sufficient clothing and food, navy officers reported.

News from Nogales, Ariz., is to the effect that the Mexican authorities are indifferent in the matter and that they do not fear the possibility of intervention as a result of this or previous crimes.

The release of Consular Agent Jenkins and President Wilson's stand against the Senate resolution providing severance of diplomatic relations has filled the Carranzistas with joy, says reports. The latest sharp reply from Medina, Carranza's minister of foreign affairs, is one result of this cocksure feeling.

## OBREGON TO TAKE FIELD AGAINST GEN. CARRANZA

Open warfare between President Carranza and Gen. Alvaro Obregon threatened, it is determined to retain control, even if he has to postpone indefinitely the national election, scheduled for July. Obregon apparently is ready to take the field and start hostilities as soon as Carranza shows his hand. Just now, the advice said, the two leaders are playing a waiting game, each ready to strike after the other has made the first move.

In the innocence of this situation, Carranza evidently is doing everything possible to win popular sympathy.